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Weinberger Terms Spy Case In Britain a 'Serious Breach'

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Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger said yesterday that Britain's latest spy scandal represented a "serious breach" of security but that he would not classify the incident as a catastrophe.

Mr. Weinberger, asked at a luncheon meeting in New York about the seriousness of the spying incident, said: "It is a serious breach. There is no question of that. But I would not classify it as a catastrophe. The forces of evil are always at work and it is unfortunate."

He declined further comment on the case, saying he did not want to breach security himself.

The case involves a translator who worked for Britain's top-secret Government Communications Headquarters and has been accused of violating the Official Secrets Act.